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Implementation of projects financed from the Development Account: ninth progress report**Report of the Secretary-General***Summary*

The Development Account is a capacity development programme of the United Nations Secretariat aimed at enhancing capacities of developing countries in the priority areas of the United Nations Development Agenda.

The present report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/237, in which the Assembly decided to keep the implementation of the Development Account under review. It provides information on the policy context in which the Development Account operates, the implementation of projects funded from the Account since the submission of the eighth progress report (A/68/92) and an update on the management of the Account.

Since the launch of the Development Account in 1997, 315 projects have been approved, of which 111 projects are currently ongoing (eighth and ninth tranches). In addition, 33 new projects under the tenth tranche, including a project on the programme for statistics and data, are being presented to the General Assembly for its consideration as part of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 35)).

* A/70/50.



I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present report is to inform Member States of the performance and management of the Development Account. The mandate of the report is contained in General Assembly resolution 56/237, in which the Assembly reiterated its decision to continue to keep the implementation of the Account under review. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions subsequently recommended that the report be submitted in the context of the presentation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium concerned.

2. The Development Account was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/12 B as a mechanism to fund capacity development projects of the economic and social entities of the United Nations Secretariat: Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

3. Projects financed from the Development Account support capacity development in developing countries at the national, subregional, regional and interregional levels. The projects seek to ensure effective follow-up to the United Nations intergovernmental processes, most recently the consideration of the post-2015 development agenda, and serve as an operational extension of the normative and analytical work of the implementing entities. The Account serves as an important operational facility for testing new and innovative development approaches. When successful, such approaches can be scaled up and replicated for increased development results. The Account also provides a mechanism for promoting the exchange and transfer of skills, knowledge and good practices among target countries, including in different geographical regions, for example through South-South cooperation and through cooperation with a wider range of partners in the development assistance community.

4. Since the launch of the Development Account in 1997, 315 projects have been approved, of which 111 projects are currently ongoing (eighth and ninth tranches). In December 2014, the total amount approved by the General Assembly for the Development Account reached \$181.3 million. The anticipated approval of the tenth tranche will add \$28.4 million to the overall total for the financing of the additional 33 new projects, including a project on the programme for statistics and data. Details on individual projects, as well as all previous progress reports, are available on the Development Account website (www.un.org/esa/devaccount/).

5. A summary overview of all Development Account tranches can be found in annex I to the present report, and an update on the implementation status of the projects of the eighth and ninth tranches is provided in annex II.

II. The policy context in which the Development Account operates

6. With the target date for achieving the Millennium Development Goals set for the end of this year, 2015 marks a critical juncture for the international community. Much has been achieved, and much also remains to be done. One of the main outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 Conference), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, was the agreement by Member States to launch a process to develop a set of sustainable development goals in the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals. Drawing from the experience of the previous two decades, the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on the Sustainable Development Goals presented to the General Assembly in August 2014 its report (A/68/970 and Corr.1) containing proposals for 17 specific goals with 169 associated targets. The proposals will form the basis for considering the integration of sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda during the intergovernmental negotiation process at the seventieth session of the General Assembly.

7. In his synthesis report on the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, entitled "The road to dignity by 2030: ending poverty, transforming all lives and protecting the planet" (A/69/700), the Secretary-General proposed a universal and transformative agenda for sustainable development. Among the many and complex challenges of implementing the agenda, the report highlighted the need for new development metrics, supported by a modern monitoring system for the achievement of the sustainable development goals, and improved availability of and access to data. The report also pointed to the need for the United Nations development system and its operational activities to respond to changes in the development landscape and for the United Nations system to be "fit for purpose" to deliver on the post-2015 sustainable development agenda.

8. Three important high-level international meetings that will shape the new era of sustainable development are to be held in 2015: (a) the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held in Addis Ababa in July; (b) the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, to be held in New York in September; and (c) the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Paris in December.

III. Overview and assessment of the achievements of the seventh tranche projects

9. A total of 66¹ projects were implemented between 2010 and 2013 in accordance with the guidelines established for the seventh tranche of the Development Account. The seventh tranche included four parts: (a) 15 projects funded from the \$7.5 million financed from the final budget appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 (General Assembly resolution 64/242 A); (b) 28 projects

¹ At the time of writing, final evaluation reports were available for 35 projects (34 final reports and 32 evaluation reports). Together with the project documents and progress reports for all the reviewed projects, these reports provide the main source documents for this report.

financed from the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (Assembly resolution 64/244 A); (c) 12 projects financed from the residual balances of the first four tranches of the Account; and (d) 11 projects funded from the additional \$5 million that the Assembly approved in its resolutions 64/243 and 64/244 A.

Responding to the needs and priorities of Member States

10. The medium- to long-term focus of the projects has allowed the Development Account to become a supportive vehicle for advancing the implementation of internationally agreed development goals and the outcomes of United Nations conferences and summits. The theme of the seventh tranche of the Development Account, "Support to addressing key global development challenges to further the achievement of internationally agreed development goals through collaboration at the global, regional and national levels", is reflective of this endeavour.

11. In the policy environment of the seventh tranche, as reflected in the intergovernmental debates, there was a greater focus on achieving the Millennium Development Goals, as well as addressing the effects on development of the 2008 global financial crisis. That is evidenced by the key summits and conferences during that period, including the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 2008), the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development (New York, 2009), the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals (New York, 2010) and the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Istanbul, 2011). The build-up to the Rio+20 Conference provided strong guidance to the seventh tranche projects (see box 1).

Box 1

Sustainable development projects

The shift in the international development agenda to focus on sustainable development and climate change became notable through the Rio+20 Conference and its preparatory process. The seventh tranche effectively implemented 13 projects that targeted emissions reduction and sustainable energy. Nearly every implementing entity had a project that addressed sustainability and low-carbon issues.

12. A common concern raised at the Rio+20 Conference was limitations in monitoring progress in achieving Millennium Development Goal. The need to increase efforts in support of statistical capacity-building in developing countries had also been raised at the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals (see box 2).

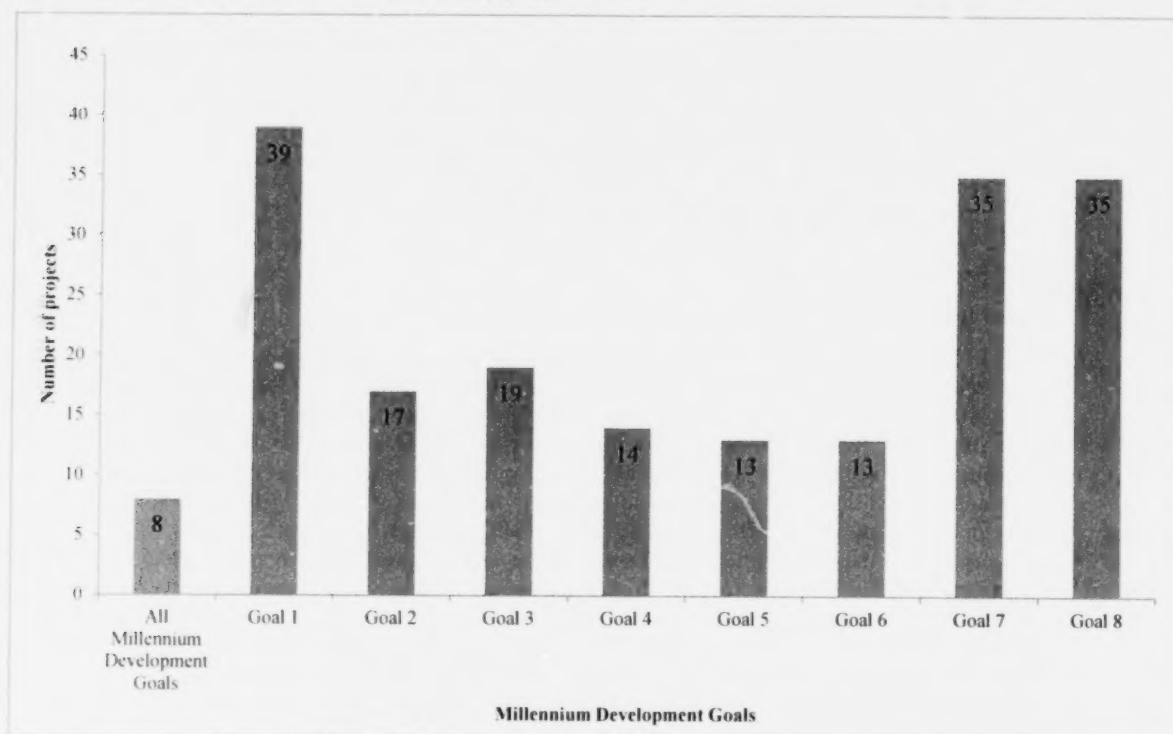
Box 2**Statistics**

The holding of the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and the formulation of the seventh tranche projects were well timed, leading to statistical capacity-building in developing countries being included as an area of focus in the formulation of the seventh tranche projects. Nine projects had a specific focus in this thematic area, and many more had strengthened statistical capacity as a side-effect of the project focus.

General focus of the seventh tranche of the Development Account

13. In line with the theme of the seventh tranche, all projects were implemented in support of one or more of the Millennium Development Goals (see figure 1). Eradicating extreme hunger and poverty (Millennium Development Goal 1) was the most frequently supported goal, followed by ensuring environmental sustainability (Millennium Development Goal 7) and developing a global partnership for development (Millennium Development Goal 8). All three of these Millennium Development Goals were supported by more than half of the seventh tranche projects. The remaining Millennium Development Goals, however, also provided important direction for the projects. Promoting gender equality and empowerment of women (Millennium Development Goal 3), achieving universal primary education (Millennium Development Goal 2), reducing child mortality (Millennium Development Goal 4), improving maternal health (Millennium Development Goal 5) and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (Millennium Development Goal 6) were also supported by the seventh tranche projects.

Figure 1
Millennium Development Goals addressed by projects*



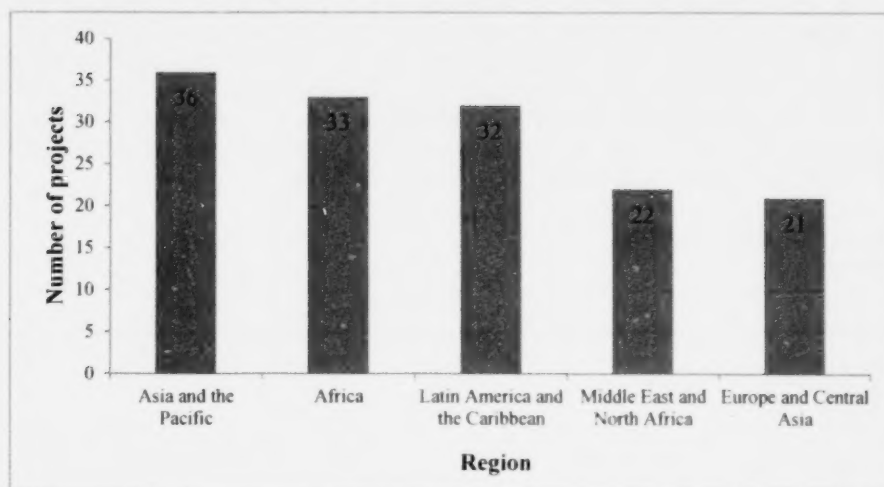
* Each project can simultaneously support several of the Millennium Development Goals. The sum of the figures above therefore exceeds the total number of projects.

Regions and types of countries covered in the seventh tranche projects

14. The seventh tranche projects focused on developing capacities of countries in the main developing regions of the world. As illustrated in figure II,² the seventh tranche projects were oriented towards building capacity in Asia, Africa and Latin America. More than half of the projects were implemented in at least one country in each of these regions. Moreover, one third of the projects focused on developing capacity in countries in the Middle East and North Africa and in Europe and Central Asia. Particular attention was paid to countries with special needs.

² Figure II shows the five regions covered by the regional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (ESCAP, ECA, ECLAC, ESCWA and ECE).

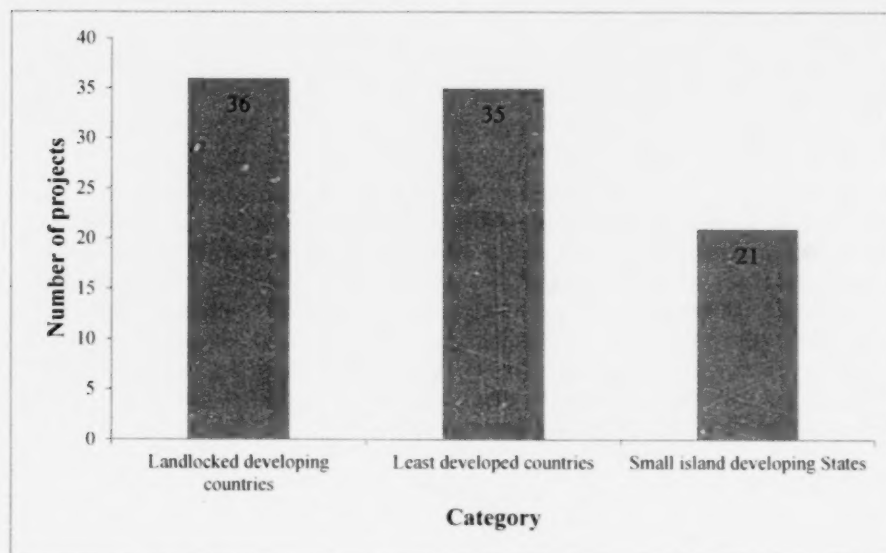
Figure II
Regions covered by projects*



* Projects may simultaneously support countries in several different regions. The sum of the figures provided above therefore exceeds the total number of projects.

15. As reflected in figure III, 55 per cent supported landlocked developing countries, 53 per cent provided assistance to least developed countries and 32 per cent sought to contribute to building capacity in small island developing States.

Figure III
Types of countries targeted by projects*



* Projects may simultaneously support countries in several different categories. The sum of the figures provided above therefore exceeds the total number of projects.

16. In about half of the seventh tranche projects, the focus was on a single geographical region. In general, these projects focused on multiple countries as a means of furthering South-South cooperation and facilitating opportunities for countries to learn from each other's experiences. This was also true for the projects with an interregional scope, benefiting countries in more than one region, which was the case for approximately a third of the projects. One in six of the projects had a global focus and included at least one beneficiary country from each of the five regions covered by the regional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ECE and ESCWA) (see the table).

Scope of projects by entity

(Number of projects)

<i>Entity</i>	<i>Regional</i>	<i>Interregional</i>	<i>Global</i>	<i>Total</i>
DESA	5	6	2	13
ECA	4	1	1	6
ECE	2	1	2	5
ECLAC	6	—	1	7
ESCAP	4	2	1	7
ESCWA	4	1	—	5
UNCTAD	2	9	1	12
UNEP	1	2	2	5
UN-Habitat	1	1	1	3
UNODC	3	—	—	3
Total	32	23	11	66

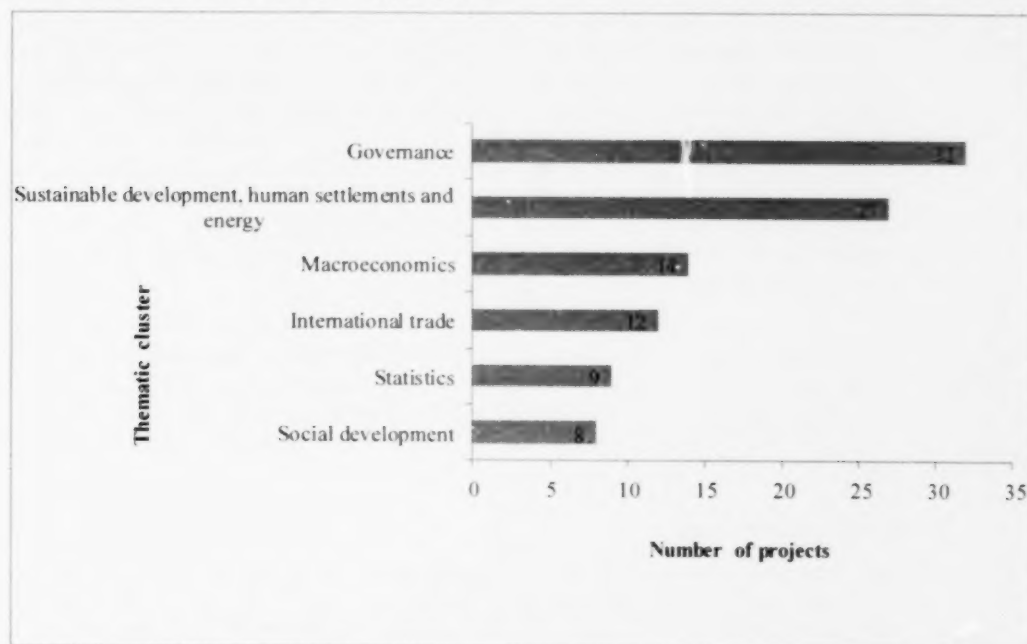
Specific focus of the projects

17. The seventh tranche projects covered a wide range of thematic areas building on the mandates and comparative advantages of the 10 implementing entities.³ As projects were developed in direct response to requests from Member States, the areas thus reflect the needs and priorities of those States.

18. As shown in figure IV, the most commonly addressed theme was governance (32 projects). Examples of governance projects include the project on strengthening South-South cooperation to increase the affordability of sustainable energy options in Asia and the Pacific (project AQ (2008-2009) ESCAP), the project on strengthening coherence and coordination of development policies (project AK (2008-2009) Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and the project on strengthening regional knowledge networks to promote the effective implementation of the United Nations development agenda and to assess progress (project W (2010-2011) Department of Economic and Social Affairs).

³ The thematic areas referenced in this section follow from the thematic clusters of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs.

Figure IV
Main thematic clusters addressed by projects*



* Many projects address several thematic clusters and are therefore counted under each relevant category.

19. The second most prevalent theme was sustainable development, human settlements and energy (27 projects). Examples of such projects include the project on building capacity of countries of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth (project AN (2008-2009) ECE), the project on capacity development for cities in Asia and the Pacific to increase resilience to climate change impacts (project AN (2010-2011) UN-Habitat) and the project on strengthening national capacities to formulate and implement sustainable energy strategies (project AL (2010-2011) UNEP).

20. Macroeconomics was the third most frequently addressed theme (14 projects), with projects covering issues such as strengthening macroeconomic and social policy coherence through integrated macro-micro modelling (project AG (2008-2009) Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and enhancing the capacities of landlocked developing countries to attract foreign direct investment for development and modernize their productive capacities (project AJ (2010-2011) UNCTAD).

21. The thematic area of international trade was addressed in 12 projects, including a project on strengthening capacities in the ESCWA region to negotiate bilateral investment treaties (project M (2010-2011) ESCWA), a project on facilitating the effective integration of developing countries in the global economy through Aid for Trade schemes (project A (2010-2011) ECA) and a project on the

integration of the trade dimension into the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (project S (2010-2011) UNCTAD).

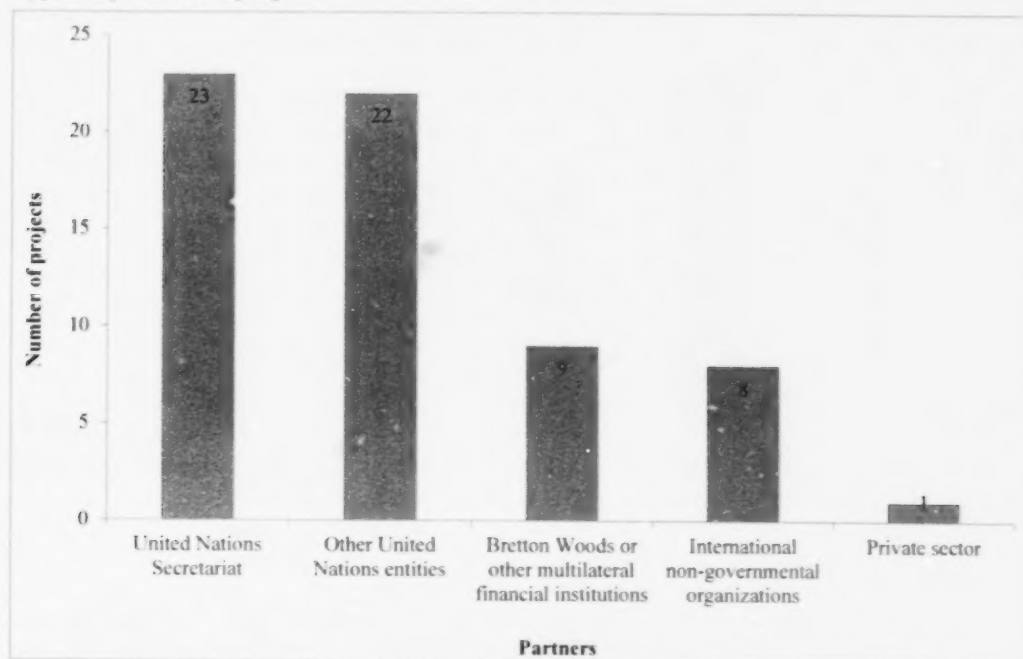
22. The thematic area of statistics was further addressed in nine projects, including a project on enhancing key statistics and indicators to monitor progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals (project AB (2010-2011) Department of Economic and Social Affairs), a project on building statistical capacity to monitor the Millennium Development Goal slum target in the context of natural disasters and housing crisis in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean (project AU (2008-2009) UN-Habitat) and a project on strengthening national statistical and inter-institutional capacities for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals through interregional cooperation and knowledge-sharing (project H (2010-2011) ECLAC).

23. The thematic area of social development was addressed in eight projects, including the project on strengthening social protection in Asia and the Pacific (project K (2010-2011) ESCAP) and the project on strengthening national capacities of policymakers in the ESCWA region to formulate national youth policies and plans of action: responding to the World Programme of Action for Youth (project AI (2010-2011) ESCWA).

Project partnerships

24. Fostering partnerships throughout a project's lifespan is at the very core of the Development Account's strategy. With the involvement of partners, implementing entities are able to build upon the original project framework and expand their project's reach. Almost all of the projects reviewed (35 projects) were implemented through some type of partnership: 66 per cent of the reviewed projects were implemented through partnerships with United Nations Secretariat entities, 63 per cent were implemented through partnerships with other United Nations entities, 26 per cent were implemented through partnerships with the Bretton Woods institutions or other multilateral financial institutions, about 23 per cent were implemented through partnerships with international non-governmental organizations and 3 per cent were implemented through partnerships with the private (see figure V).

Figure V
Types of partners in projects*

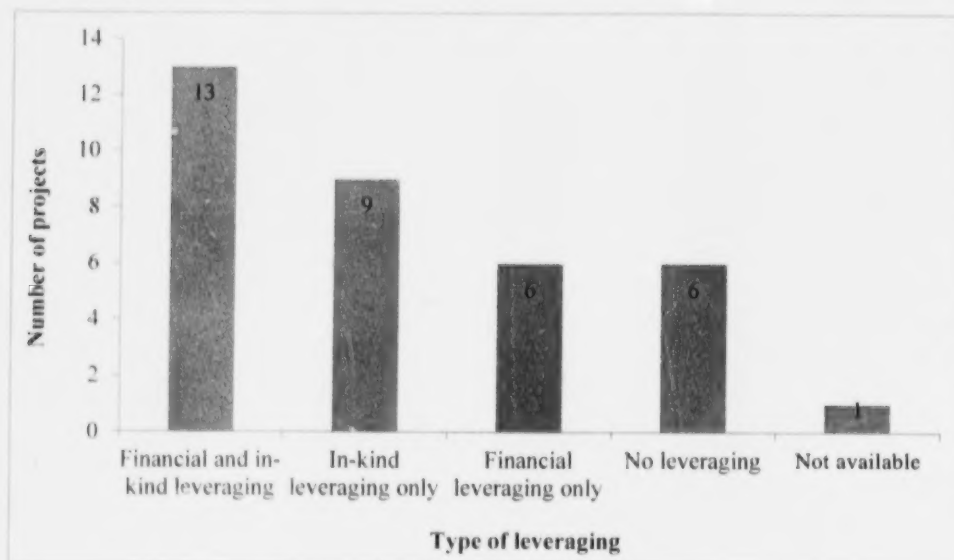


* Many projects engage with several types of partners and are therefore counted under each relevant category.

Leveraging project funding and initiatives

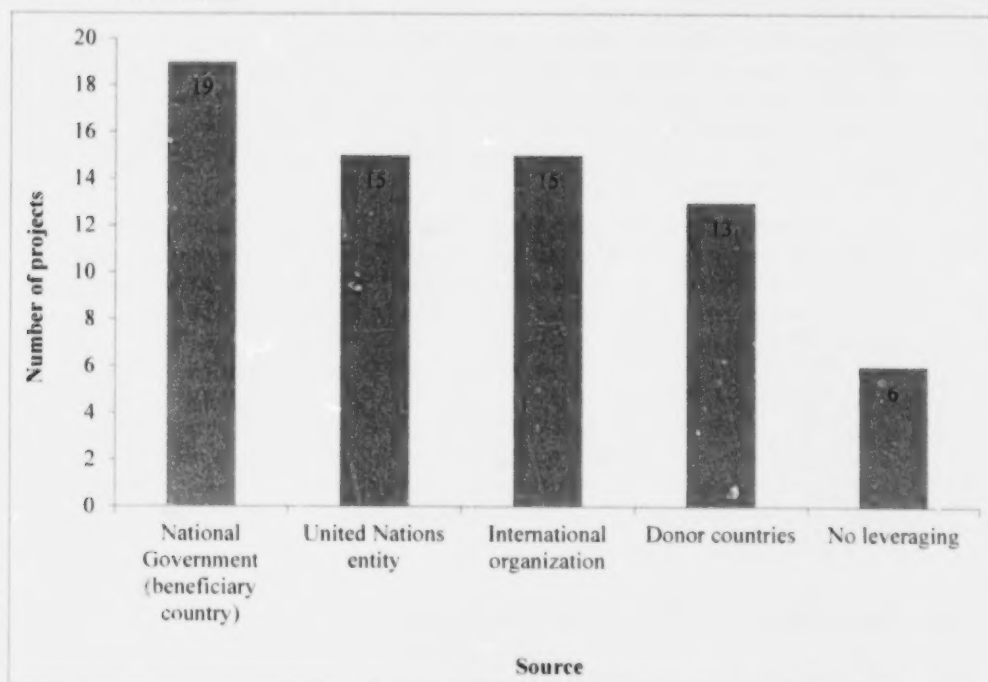
25. Partnerships also help ensure continuing support from invested parties beyond the project time frame. The leveraging of funds increases the potential that activities of a project will be continued and replicated with external funding and has multiplier effects. As shown in figure VI, 80 per cent of the seventh tranche projects reviewed were able to leverage resources, including financial leveraging (17 per cent), in-kind leveraging (26 per cent) or a combination of both (37 per cent). These relatively high percentages indicate that Development Account projects were viewed by other organizations as valuable and viable and as worthwhile investments of time and money.

Figure VI
Leveraging



26. As shown in figure VII, the most common source of funds leveraged for the reviewed seventh tranche projects was national Governments of beneficiary countries (19 projects), followed by United Nations entities (15 projects), other international organizations (15 projects) and Governments of non-beneficiary or donor countries (13 projects).

Figure VII
Sources of leveraging*



* Multiple counting: many projects leveraged from several types of partners and are therefore counted under each relevant category.

27. An example of a project in which leveraging funds from partners was a key feature include the UNCTAD project "Towards developing a global monitoring system in investment policies" (project AK (2010-2011) UNCTAD). Under this project, most of the costs (71 per cent) in connection with the three regional capacity-building workshops organized in Africa, Asia and Latin America were covered by project partner organizations, allowing UNCTAD to further the capacity development support provided through the project.

28. Many projects were also able to gain support from non-beneficiary donors, as demonstrated by the successful mobilization by ESCAP of funds from two Governments in the region for further implementation of key components of the project on improving disaster risk preparedness in the ESCAP region (project I (2010-2011) ESCAP). Similarly, UNCTAD was able to mobilize funds from the Governments of two Nordic countries to develop a virtual training module for its project on enhancing capacities of developing countries to mainstream gender in trade policy (project Q (2010-2011) UNCTAD).

Supporting sustainability of project results

29. Beneficiary countries' engagement with and contribution to Development Account projects were essential to the sustainability of their results. Development Account projects are developed in response to requests from beneficiary countries.

This means that the projects usually have strong political commitment from the countries. An example of such a project is the project on improving criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons in South-Eastern Europe with specific focus on the Republic of Moldova (project N (2010-2011) UNODC). Assessment of the needs and identification of priorities for this project were conducted in close cooperation with the project beneficiaries, ensuring their commitment to and ownership of the project. Cooperation with relevant national and international entities to counter human trafficking ensured complementarity with ongoing activities and policies and avoided duplication of efforts.

30. Adaptability is another important element in ensuring the sustainability of the achievements of a project. Maintaining a level of flexibility throughout the different implementation stages of a project ensures that beneficiary countries' interests are kept at the fore and that the project can be adjusted to meet changing needs. ESCAP, for example, succeeded in adapting its project on strengthening capacity in mitigating the impact of the financial crisis and sustaining dynamic and inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific (project AF (2010-2011) ESCAP); though the project had originally focused on strengthening capacity in mitigating the impact of the financial crisis, its scope was expanded in line with the different priorities of each subregion. At the time of completion of the project, the focus had shifted largely to regional cooperation issues critical to the region's resilience to future crises and sustained dynamism.

IV. Managing the Development Account for results

31. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs is the Programme Manager of the Development Account and is supported in the day-to-day management of the Account by a team in the Capacity Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. In 2012, the team was temporarily strengthened through the recruitment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer funded through a two-year Junior Professional Officer position from a donor country. Having a position dedicated to monitoring and evaluation made it possible to track more closely progress in the implementation of projects. It also allowed for good practices and strategies used in project design and implementation to be brought to the fore and for lessons learned to be adopted in the programming of subsequent projects. With the cessation of the Junior Professional Officer position at the end of 2014, new arrangements must be found to sustain the evaluation function.

32. The prompt programming of the ninth tranche projects was a key priority during the reporting period. The Associate Programme Officer (P-2) post approved by the General Assembly in December 2013 substantially helped with this task, as did the new operating methods introduced through the adoption of a new Governance and Management Architecture for the Development Account. By June 2014, six months after the launch of the ninth tranche, 56 per cent of all projects (26 out of 46 projects) had been approved for allotment, and by the end of 2014 the proportion had reached 87 per cent (40 out of 46 projects). This represents a significant improvement compared with previous tranches, as the programming of ninth tranche projects required less than half the time required for the corresponding programming of the seventh and eighth tranches.

33. In addition to the 46 projects approved for the ninth tranche, 13 additional projects financed from residual balances from the fifth and sixth tranches of the Development Account were programmed during the course of 2014. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/237, according to which funds from underperforming projects may be redeployed to deliver better results, two projects of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs were reprogrammed: (a) project I (2014-2015), focusing on enhancing institutional capability in selected developing countries for monitoring and reporting on sustainable development objectives, goals and targets; and (b) project G (2014-2015), focusing on data-collection methodology and tools for supporting the formulation of evidence-based policies in response to the challenge of population ageing in sub-Saharan Africa.

34. The immediate priority of the Programme Manager in looking ahead will centre on the expeditious programming of the tenth tranche of the Development Account and the timely closing of the ninth tranche. The theme of the tenth tranche ("Supporting Member States in implementing the post-2015 development agenda: strengthening statistics and data, evidence-based policies and accountability") reflects the priorities of Member States.

35. The 33 new projects under the tenth tranche include a project on the programme for statistics and data that will help developing countries in building their capacities to measure and monitor the sustainable development goals. The \$10 million programme is much larger than the average Development Account project (\$650,000). It will be implemented as a unified and structured whole, rather than as an amalgamation of individual projects or proposals, and it will build on the ongoing dialogues, panels, debates and intergovernmental discussions that will shape and finalize the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals. It will be demand-driven and country-owned, and it will be aimed at leveraging other statistical programmes and funding initiatives to achieve a higher multiplier effect. It will actively seek engagement, alignment and coherence with statistical capacity development programmes of other United Nations entities in order for the United Nations system to "Deliver as one", reflecting the joint responsibility of all United Nations agencies to support countries in establishing an effective and sustainable information infrastructure.

V. Conclusions and recommendations

36. The Development Account is a unique funding mechanism through which Member States have access to the full range of knowledge and expertise available in the economic and social entities of the United Nations Secretariat — the 10 implementing entities of the Development Account (Department of Economic and Social Affairs, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, ECE, ECA, UNCTAD, UNEP, UN-Habitat and UNODC). The Development Account projects are developed in direct response to requests from countries with the aim of enhancing capacities in the areas of their priority needs. The theme of the tenth tranche is "Supporting Member States in implementing the post-2015 development agenda: strengthening statistics and data, evidence-based policies and accountability"; the tenth tranche includes a new \$10 million project on the programme for statistics and data that represents a major milestone for the Development Account. The programme will provide a new and innovative approach allowing the 10 implementing entities of the Account to work closely together and

capitalize on their individual technical expertise and comparative advantages and to help developing countries face the data challenges of the sustainable development goals by strengthening national statistical systems.

37. The reporting period saw the seventh tranche of the Development Account being successfully brought to a close. The projects were developed in direct response to requests from Member States for assistance in meeting their priority needs and were implemented in all major development regions of the world.

38. The reporting period also saw the launch of the ninth tranche of the Development Account, as well as the programming of 13 projects financed from the residual balances of the fifth and sixth tranches. The approval process for these projects was significantly shortened compared with the approval process for projects of previous tranches, leaving more time to implement the projects on the ground in the beneficiary countries.

39. The programming of the tenth tranche projects drew important inputs and lessons learned from the evaluation of seventh tranche projects. The temporary Monitoring and Evaluation Officer funded through a two-year Junior Professional Officer position was instrumental in this regard. In moving forward, it will be very important to continue and further strengthen this practice through the systematic review of project progress reports, as well as final and external evaluation reports, and the extraction and distillation of lessons learned from the implementation of projects.

40. Looking ahead, important next steps in the management of the Development Account will include the expeditious programming of the tenth tranche projects and the timely closing of the ninth tranche projects. The Secretariat, in this connection, stands ready to continue to provide effective support to the Account for the benefit of developing Member States.

41. The General Assembly may wish to take note of the present report.

Annex I

Summary of Development Account tranches as at 30 April 2015

Bimennium	Theme	Tranche	Approved (thousands of United States dollars)	General Assembly resolution	Total number of projects	Number of active projects	Implementation period	Status as at 30 April 2015 (percentage)
1998-1999	Support for the implementation of global conferences	1	13 065.00	53/220 A	7	-	-	Closed
2000-2001	Networking and regional and subregional expertise	2	13 065.00	54/249	16	-	-	Closed
2002-2003	Capacity-building for managing globalization	3	13 065.00	56/254 A	20	-	-	Closed
2004-2005	Capacity-building for Millennium Development Goals through partnerships, knowledge-management and taking advantage of information and communications technologies	4	13 065.00	58/270	23	-	-	Closed
2006-2007	Supporting progress towards the internationally agreed development goals, through knowledge-management, networking and partnerships	5 5A 5B	13 065.00 3 415.90 5 071.00	60/247 60/246 and 61/252 62/235	24 6 10	- - -	- - -	Closed Closed Closed
2008-2009	Supporting progress towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, through innovation, networking and knowledge-management	6 6A	16 480.90 2 170.40	62/237 62/236, 62/237 and 62/238	27 5	- -	- -	Closed Closed
2010-2011	Support to addressing key global development challenges to further the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, through collaboration at the global, regional and national levels	6B 7 7A 7B	7 500.00 18 651.30 4 000.00 5 000.00	64/242 A 64/244 A Residual balances from tranches 1-4 64/243 and 64/244	15 28 12 11	- - - -	- - - -	Closed Closed Closed Closed
2012-2013	Supporting Member States to accelerate progress towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the context of the multiple and interrelated development challenges	8 8A	23 651.30 5 591.90	66/248 A 66/246	40 12	40 12	2012-2015 2012-2015	57 37
2014-2015	Supporting Member States in designing and implementing strategies and policies towards sustainable, equitable and inclusive development	9 9A	28 398.80 7 113.00	68/248 A Residual balances from tranches 5-6	46 13	46 13	2014-2017 2014-2017	10 3
Total approved			181 256.50		315	111		

Biennium	Theme	Tranche	Approved (thousands of United States dollars)	General Assembly resolution	Total number of projects	Number of active projects	Implementation period	Status as at 30 April 2015 (percentage)
2016-2017	Supporting Member States in implementing the post-2015 development agenda: strengthening statistics and data, evidence-based policies and accountability	10	28 398.80	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 35))	33	-	2016-2019	-
Grand total			209 655.20^a		348			

^a Excludes \$4,000,000, representing the residual balance from tranches 1 to 4 that was programmed in the context of the seventh tranche, and \$7,113,000, representing the residual balance from tranches 5 to 6 that was programmed in the context of the ninth tranche.

Annex II

Update on the status of the eighth and ninth tranches: implementation rates

Table A.1

Projects funded from section 36, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (eighth tranche) as at 30 April 2015

Project title	Implementing office	Expenditures (B)		Implementation rate (percentage) (B) / (A)
		Approved (A) (Thousands of United States dollars)	Expenditures (B)	
A Capacity-building for removing constraints in utilizing international support measures for least developed countries	DESA	670.0	462.2	69
B Strengthening capacities of the public sector in least developed countries to deliver quality services equitably through the transfer and adaptation of innovative practices	DESA	640.3	477.2	75
C Strengthening national capacities of conflict-affected countries to manage water scarcity and droughts	DESA	570.0	417.7	73
D Strengthening the capacity of selected developing countries to mainstream sustainable development into national development strategies	DESA	650.0	280.7	43
E Climate change financing for forests: reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation-plus (REDD+) and its impacts on financing for other functions of forests worldwide	DESA	600.0	310.7	52
F Fostering private-public partnerships and strengthening national capacities for designing, implementing and evaluating development-oriented macroeconomic policy to generate employment, growth and poverty reduction	DESA	400.0	239.1	60
G Measuring the green economy in support of the Development Goals: statistical frameworks, indicators and instruments	DESA	800.0	481.6	60
H Strengthening geospatial information management capacities of Member States in development decision-making	DESA	400.0	327.6	82
I Supporting small island developing States in their efforts to build economic resilience	UNCTAD	397.0	149.2	38
J Accelerating progress of selected West African countries towards the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, particularly Millennium Development Goal 8, through trade-related training and capacity-building	UNCTAD	577.0	478.7	83
K Capacity-building for the formulation and implementation of Millennium Development Goal-oriented trade policies in developing countries contributing to accelerating achievement of Millennium Development Goals in the context of multiple and interrelated development challenges	UNCTAD	694.0	131.8	19
L Addressing the impact of trade and trade agreements on employment in developing countries	UNCTAD	232.0	57.1	25

	Project title	Implementing office	Approved (A) (Thousands of United States dollars)		Expenditures (B) (Thousands of United States dollars)		Implementation rate (percentage) (B) (A)
M	Strengthening of capacities of trade and planning ministries of selected least developed countries on developing and implementing trade strategies that are conducive to poverty reduction	UNCTAD	641.0		385.6		60
N	Building national capacities for promoting direct foreign investment in green and other growth sectors	UNCTAD	461.0		287.0		62
O	Promoting sustainable business models for development: investing in the poor, for the poor and with the poor	UNCTAD	462.0		314.9		68
P	Strengthening macroeconomic management capacities for regional and interregional monetary and financial cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean and West and Central Africa	UNCTAD	555.0		91.7		16.5
Q	Mainstreaming ecosystem service into countries' sectoral and macroeconomic policies and programmes	UNEP	542.0		434.5		80
R	Integrating environmental sustainability in the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and the United Nations common country programming process	UNEP	541.0		350.6		65
S	Development of a review system for the effective national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements	UNEP	543.0		—		—
T	Strengthening the capacities of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) member States to address the land and property issues of internally displaced persons and refugees, with a specific emphasis on women's land and property rights	UN-Habitat	452.0		291.5		65
U	Strengthening capacity of policymakers in South-East Asia for promoting policies and developing plans for improved wastewater treatment and reuse in urban and peri-urban areas	UN-Habitat	348.0		322.6		93
V	Integrating crime, corruption, drugs and terrorism-related issues into the preparation of national development plans and processes	UNODC	650.0		—		—
W	Strengthening the capacity of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics systems in Member States to produce continuous and reliable indicators for measuring progress on the development agenda	ECA	682.0		411.3		60
X	Strengthening capacity of African countries to promote the use of renewable energy to achieve sustainable development	ECA	703.0		266.6		38
Y	Strengthening the capacity of African countries to use mobile technologies to collect data for effective policy and decision-making ^a	ECA	1 845.0		1 582.1		86
Z	Strengthening capacities for the development of regional agricultural value chains in Africa	ECA	499.0		78.5		16
AA	Strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate legitimate border crossing, regional cooperation and integration	ECE	750.0		473.7		63

Project title	Implementing office	Approved (A) (Thousands of United States dollars)		Expenditures (B) (Thousands of United States dollars)		Implementation rate (percentage) (B) (A)
AB Promoting energy efficiency investments for climate change mitigation and sustainable development	ECE	1 250.0	1 234.4		99	
AC Towards productivity convergence: trade, financing and innovation for small-scale enterprises	ECLAC	575.0	215.0		37.4	
AD Towards a low-carbon economy: policy options for energy efficiency and innovation	ECLAC	478.0	393.5		82	
AE Time for equality: strengthening the institutional framework of social policies	ECLAC	661.0	458.5		69	
AF Strengthening the capacities of selected Latin American and Asian countries to develop and improve training systems and to protect workers against unemployment	ECLAC	754.5	514.8		68	
AG Strengthening information and communications technology capacities for disaster risk reduction and development: addressing information, knowledge and policy gaps in Asia	ESCAP	600.6	173.2		29	
AH Strengthening capacities in countries with special needs on designing and implementing economic and social development policies to accelerate progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals	ESCAP	643.5	179.7		28	
AI Interregional cooperation to strengthen national capacities to measure progress in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment	ESCAP	686.4	440.6		64	
AJ Deepening regional connectivity: strengthening capacities of Asian developing countries to increase intraregional trade by implementing paperless trade and transport facilitation systems	ESCAP	854.0	539.0		63	
AK Institutional and capacity-building project for Arab parliaments and other stakeholders for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security	ESCWA	510.0	97.0		19	
AL Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region (AIGLE)	ESCWA	509.0	233.7		46	
AM Developing the capacities of the Arab countries for climate change adaptation by applying integrated water resource management tools	ESCWA	517.0	160.8		31	
AN Strengthening capacities to utilize workers' remittances in financing for development	ESCWA	464.0	302.7		65	
Total (eighth tranche)^a		24 807.3	14 047.5		57	
AO Developing capacity for e-participation: engaging citizens in development policy and decision-making processes through information and communications technologies	DESA	362.9	192.5		53	
AP Supporting Governments transitioning to low-carbon growth and human development using economy-wide models	DESA	380.0	249.2		66	

Project title	Implementing office	Approved (A)		Expenditures (B)	Implementation rate (percentage) (B) (A)
		(Thousands of United States dollars)			
AQ Supporting national dialogues on the post-2015 development agenda in the context of the annual ministerial review	DESA	375.0		147.7	39
AR Strengthening capacities of African countries in boosting intra-African trade	UNCTAD	490.0		96.9	20
AS Capacity-building for science, technology and innovation policy management in developing countries	UNCTAD	410.0		9.2	2
AT Promoting microcatchment planning and replicable low-cost green investment strategies to improve urban drinking water supply in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Central Africa	UNEP	390.0		52.9	14
AU Capacity development to increase Asia and Pacific cities' resilience to climate change	UN-Habitat	382.0		238.9	63
AV Capacity-building on agribusiness for women to enhance food security in Eastern Africa	ECA	520.0		-	-
AW Sustainable forest management for greener economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia	ECE	500.0		422.8	85
AX Strengthening the capacity of national Governments to promote the social inclusion of youth within a context of increasing violence and insecurity, through innovative programmes and evidence-based policies	ECLAC	500.0		112.9	23
AY Building capacity and facilitating private sector involvement for infrastructure development for less developed countries in the Asia-Pacific region	ESCAP	691.0		165.4	24
AZ Building capacities in developing appropriate green technologies for improving the livelihood of rural communities in the ESCWA region	ESCWA	591.0		189.7	32
Total (eighth tranche-A)		5 591.9		1 877.9	34

Abbreviations: ESCAP, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; ESCWA, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; ECE, Economic Commission for Europe; ECLAC, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; ECA, Economic Commission for Africa; UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; UNEP, United Nations Environment Programme; UN-Habitat, United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

^a Funds from redeployed project M (2008-2009), project C (2010-2011) and project Y (2012-2013).

^b Including redeployed projects from tranches 6B and 7 in the amount of \$1,156,000 (ECA project Y).

Table A.2

Projects funded from section 35, Development Account, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (ninth tranche)
as at 30 April 2015

	Project title	Implementing entity	Expenditures		Implementation rate (percentage) [(B)/(A)]*100
			Approved (A) (Thousands of United States dollars)	(B) (Thousands of United States dollars)	
A	Strengthening the capacity of national tax administrations in developing countries to effectively negotiate and apply double tax treaties for the financing of sustainable development	DESA	632.0	153.4	24
B	Supporting Member States in developing and strengthening environment statistics and integrated environmental-economic accounting for improved monitoring of sustainable development	DESA	691.0	-	-
C	Strengthening the capacity of small island developing States to assess progress in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy to mitigate risks and reduce vulnerability	DESA	588.0	-	-
D	Supporting developing countries in their transition from Millennium Development Goals-based development strategies to broader sustainable development strategies through modelling-based policy analyses	DESA	630.0	4.6	1
E	Enhancing the capacity of Governments and indigenous leaders to ensure social integration and inclusive development in Africa and Asia	DESA	524.0	-	-
F	Strengthening the capacities of developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa to effectively produce and use population data in policymaking for sustainable development	DESA	588.0	-	-
G	Strengthening the capacities of selected developing countries to design national strategies for sustainable development through participatory approaches, building on the national voluntary presentations in the Economic and Social Council	DESA	395.8	-	-
H	Strengthening the capacities of developing countries to provide access to information for sustainable development through open government data	DESA	592.0	108.8	18
I	Strengthening the capacities of selected developing countries for effective subnational development policy formulation and planning towards sustainable development	DESA	639.0	-	-
J	Strengthening national capacities to develop national action plans to implement the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests	DESA	413.0	6.8	2
K	Building the capacity of developing countries' policymakers to address regulatory and institutional gaps in the field of sovereign debt governance	UNCTAD	588.0	111.1	19
L	Supporting Member States in developing and launching sustainable product export strategies through national sustainable product export reviews	UNCTAD	590.0	110.4	19
M	Building the capacities of selected least developed countries to upgrade and diversify their fish exports	UNCTAD	596.0	-	-

	Project title	Implementing entity	Expenditures		Implementation rate (percentage) [(B) (A)] * 100
			Approved (A) (Thousands of United States dollars)	(B)	
N	Strengthening the capacities of policymakers to assess the implications of non-tariff measures in international trade and formulate appropriate policy responses	UNCTAD	620.0	18.3	3
O	Climate change impacts on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: enhancing the adaptive capacity of small island developing States	UNCTAD	595.0	2.3	—
P	Strengthening the capacity of the Economic Community of Central African States to enhance domestic production linkages with the mineral resources sector	UNCTAD	641.0	3.0	—
Q	Building the capacities of developing countries to shift towards sustainable freight transport	UNCTAD	611.0	70.0	11
R	Strengthening the capacities of developing country policymakers and investment promotion officials and academia in priority sectors to attract investment for sustainable and inclusive development	UNCTAD	585.0	—	—
S	Building sustainable and resilient ecological food systems using ecosystem-based adaptation in agriculture-dominated landscapes in sub-Saharan Africa	UNEP	633.0	—	—
T	Supporting developing countries in delivering sustainable consumption and production services at the country level	UNEP	651.0	—	—
U	Enabling sustainable and resilient development in post-crisis countries by mainstreaming environment and risk reduction into development planning	UNEP	521.0	—	—
V	Strengthening capacities to address land tenure security in Africa through better monitoring and information	UN-Habitat	501.0	50.0	10
W	Strengthening national capacities to formulate and adopt housing and slum upgrading strategies	UN-Habitat	629.0	152.0	24
X	Strengthening the capacities of Member States in the Asia-Pacific region to mainstream climate change concerns into national urban-related policies	UN-Habitat	730.0	213.0	29
Y	Strengthening the capacity of African countries to use mobile technologies to collect and disseminate data for effective policy and decision-making	ECA	1 165.0	—	—
Z	Strengthening capacity for policy analysis, forecasting and development planning in selected African countries	ECA	634.0	89.0	14
AA	Strengthening the capacity of African Governments to negotiate transparent, equitable and sustainable contracts in extractive industries for broad-based sustainable growth and socioeconomic development	ECA	635.0	—	—
AB	Strengthening the capacity of the African Peer Review Mechanism countries in conducting effective self-assessment and implementing national plans of action	ECA	624.0	59.4	10
AC	Strengthening national capacities for sustainable housing in selected countries with economies in transition	ECE	533.0	143.1	27
AD	Strengthening national capacity in the most vulnerable countries in the Economic Commission for Europe region for the sustainable development of statistics	ECE	535.0	148.6	28

Project title	Implementing entity	Expenditures		Implementation rate (percentage) [(B)/(A)]*100
		Approved (A) (Thousands of United States dollars)	(B)	
AE Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains	ECE	440.0	19.4	4
AF Strengthening Governments' and water operators' capacity to ensure equity of access to water and sanitation in countries in transition in the Economic Commission for Europe region, with a particular focus on small-scale water supplies and sanitation in rural areas	ECE	578.0	102.3	18
AG Strengthening the technical capacity of public finance managers in select Caribbean small island developing States to manage their public finances	ECLAC	492.0	69.6	14
AH Promoting inclusive finance through development banking innovation practices to support social, productive development and structural change with a particular focus on small and medium-sized enterprises in Latin American countries	ECLAC	502.0	-	-
AI Strengthening statistical capacities for building macroeconomic and sustainable development indicators in Latin American, Caribbean and Asia-Pacific countries	ECLAC	862.0	303.8	35
AJ Logistics integration for more sustainable exploitation of natural resources in Latin America and the Caribbean	ECLAC	612.0	65.9	11
AK Strengthening national capacities to design and implement rights-based policies and programmes that address care of dependent populations and women's economic empowerment in urban areas	ECLAC	564.0	64.6	11
AL Enhancing the contribution of preferential trade agreements to inclusive and equitable trade	ESCAP	742.0	-	-
AM Strengthening the capacity of Governments in the regions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to respond to the needs of youth in formulating inclusive and sustainable development policies	ESCAP	960.0	262.8	27
AN Enhancing knowledge and capacity for the management of disaster risks for a resilient future in Asia and the Pacific	ESCAP	678.0	95.3	14
AO Strengthened capacity of small island developing States in the Asia-Pacific region with regard to the valuation of environmental capital and the economic cost of gender inequality	ESCAP	638.0	6.5	1
AP Strengthening the connectivity of countries in South and Central Asia, particularly landlocked and least developed countries, to link with subregional and regional transport and trade networks	ESCAP	632.0	15.4	2
AQ Strengthening the statistical capacity of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia member countries in producing and disseminating short-term economic indicators for sustainable growth	ESCWA	518.0	38.2	7
AR Strengthening national capacities for integrated, sustainable and inclusive population and development policies in the Arab region	ESCWA	714.0	1.9	-

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			(Thousands of United States dollars)			
AS	Promoting renewable energy investments for climate change mitigation and sustainable development	ESCWA	632.0	124.1	20	
AT	Developing the capacity of Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia member countries to address the water and energy nexus for achieving sustainable development goals	ESCWA	525.0	5.1	1	
To al (ninth tranche)			28 398 800	2 618.6	9	
AU	Enhancing national statistical capacity to measure, monitor, assess and report on progress on achieving post-2015 goals and targets for sustainable development	DESA	556.0	—	—	
AV	Strengthening capacity of national tax administrations and ministries of finance in developing countries to protect and broaden their tax base for financing of sustainable development	DESA	260.0	—	—	
AW	Supporting small island developing States in their efforts to build economic resistance	UNCTAD	488.0	—	—	
AX	Support developing country policymakers in the formulation of national entrepreneurship policies through the implementation of entrepreneurship policy frameworks	UNCTAD	478.0	—	—	
AY	Environmental peacebuilding for sustainable development in Africa	UNEP	558.0	—	—	
AZ	Urban risk reduction and resilience building in lusophone Africa	UN-Habitat	559.0	101.2	18	
BA	Strengthening and enhancing the capacity of law enforcement officials in combating travelling child sex offenders in Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam	UNODC	557.0	—	—	
BB	Strengthening Member States' capacities in designing and implementing strategies and policies for sustainable cities in Africa	ECA	496.0	—	—	
BC	Strengthening the national road safety management capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition	ECE	498.0	—	—	
BD	Strengthening the capacity of Central American countries in the preparation of sustainable energy policies and strategies	ECLAC	500.0	—	—	
BE	Financing strategies for inclusive and sustainable development for Asia and the Pacific	ESCAP	499.0	—	—	
BF	Establishing national technology development and transfer systems in select ESCWA member States	ESCWA	497.0	—	—	

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		(A) (Thousands of United States dollars)	(B)	(per centage) [(B)/(A)]*100
BG Promoting equality: strengthening the capacity of select developing countries to design and implement equality-oriented public policies and programmes	Five regional commissions (ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA)	1 067.0	—	—
Total (ninth tranche-B)		7 113 000	101.2	1

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